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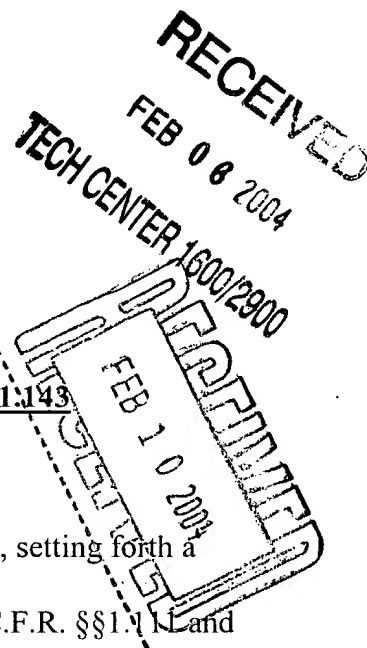
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**For: METHOD FOR ENHANCING
AND/OR IMPROVING PLANT
GROWTH AND/OR YIELD
OR MODIFYING PLANT
ARCHITECTURE**

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RESPONSE TO UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 AND 1.143

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2003, setting forth a requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group XII, claims 1-2, 13-14, and 31, drawn to a method for modifying plant growth and/or yield or modifying

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